

# Integration

## The Poincare inequality

$$\int_{\Omega} |\nabla f(x)|^2 dx \geq C \int_{\Omega} f(x) dx$$
$$\frac{\int_{\Omega} |\nabla f(x)|^2 dx}{\int_{\Omega} f(x) dx} \geq C \text{ (the Poincare constant)}$$



Example (The isoperimetric inequality): The following inequality is called an isoperimetric inequality, a geometric inequality

$$\frac{l^2}{S} \geq 4\pi \text{ (the Poincare constant)}$$

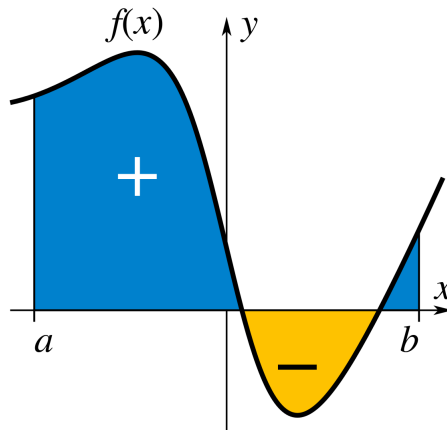
Isos means “equal” in Greek (e.g., isosceles triangle — having 2 sides of equal length). Isoperimetric means having the same perimeter. The isoperimetric problem tries to answer the question what planar region whose boundary is a curve of a certain length has the largest area? The inequality above says that the ratio between the squared length of a closed curve,  $l^2$ , and the area of the planar region bounded by that curve,  $S$ , is at least  $4\pi$ . The equality holds (đầu bằng xảy ra) when the closed curve we’re talking about is a circle. [[Source](#)]

This inequality is crucial in Hamiltonian/Lagrangian Mechanics, which is crucial in Quantum Physics. To know these, we must learn Calculus of Variations (and a lot of other stuff).

## Review of Single Variable Calculus

Integration in  $\mathbb{R}$

Definite integral  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$  (returns a number)  $\rightarrow$  compute it numerically  $\rightarrow$  can be approximated by the Riemann sum



Source: Wikipedia

Indefinite integral  $\int f(x) dx$  (returns a family of functions)  $\rightarrow$  require knowledge about the antiderivative

$$\text{e.g., } \int x dx = \frac{x^2}{2} + C$$

Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (FTC)

$F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt + C$  (do not know the formula, but still can do it with the antiderivative)

$$F'(x) = f(x)$$

## Transition to Integration in $\mathbb{R}^n$

Arc length of the curve  $\vec{\gamma}(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t))$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (can be understood as distance, taking into account all the movements):

$$\int_a^b \|\vec{\gamma}'(t)\| dt = \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2} dt$$

Displacement (where you are):

$$\int_a^b \vec{\gamma}'(t) dt + \vec{\gamma}(a) = \vec{\gamma}(b)$$

Same technical challenge as 1D problems'.

# Integration in $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$F : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$D_{(x,y)}F = \begin{bmatrix} \partial_x F_1(x,y) & \partial_y F_1(x,y) \\ \partial_x F_2(x,y) & \partial_y F_2(x,y) \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

## Double Riemann Sum

### Activity 1 & 2: Partition rectangles into sub-rectangles

Assume a rectangular domain  $R = [0, 6] \times [2, 4]$ . This is just the set  $R = \{(x, y) : 0 \leq x \leq 6, 2 \leq y \leq 5\}$ . Until now it's just a rectangle; we haven't partitioned it yet. Let's break it into parts. How? For example, divide the interval on the x-axis,  $[0, 6]$ , into 3 subintervals of equal size, and divide the interval on the y-axis,  $[2, 4]$ , into 2 subintervals of equal size.

1. Let  $0 = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < x_3 = 6$  be the endpoints of the subintervals of  $[0, 6]$  after partitioning. What is the length  $\Delta x$  of each subinterval  $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$  for  $i$  from 1 to 3?

For  $i$  from 1 to 3, the subintervals are  $[x_0, x_1]$ ,  $[x_1, x_2]$ ,  $[x_2, x_3]$ . The length of each subinterval is

$$\Delta x = \frac{6 - 0}{3} = 2.$$

2. Explicitly identify  $x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3$ .

$$x_0 = 0$$

$$x_1 = x_0 + \Delta x = 0 + 2 = 2$$

$$x_2 = x_1 + \Delta x = x_0 + 2\Delta x = 0 + 2 \cdot 2 = 4$$

$$x_3 = 6 (= x_2 + \Delta x = x_0 + 3\Delta x).$$

General formula (same for  $y_j$ , replace  $i$  by  $j$ )

$$x_i = x_0 + i \cdot \frac{b - a}{n}$$

$a$  and  $b$  are endpoints;  $n$  is the number of intervals

3. Let  $2 = y_0 < y_1 < y_2 = 4$  be the endpoints of the subintervals of  $[2, 4]$  after partitioning. What is the length  $\Delta y$  of each subinterval  $[y_{j-1}, y_j]$  for  $j$  from 1 to 2? Explicitly identify  $y_0, y_1, y_2$ .

For  $j$  from 0 to 2, the subintervals are  $[y_0, y_1], [y_1, y_2]$ . The length of each subinterval is

$$\Delta y = \frac{4 - 2}{2} = 1.$$

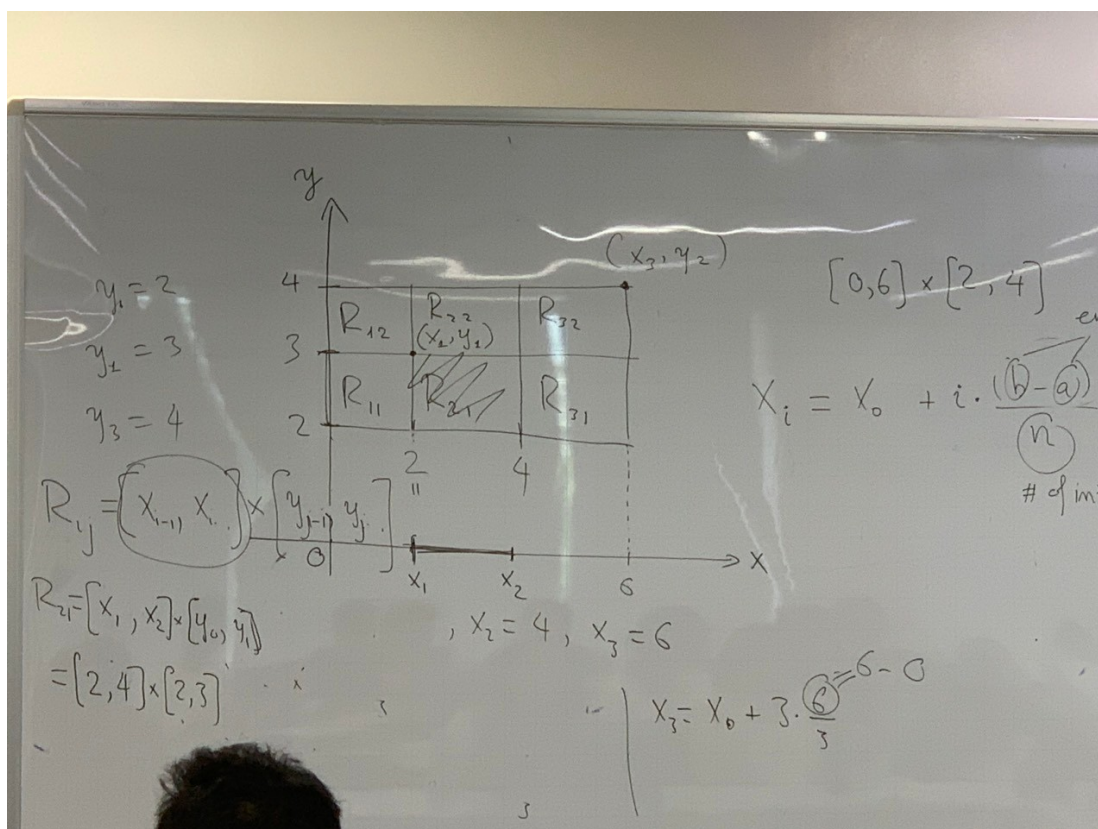
The endpoints are

$$y_0 = 2$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + \Delta y = 2 + 1 = 3$$

$$y_2 = 4 (= y_1 + \Delta y = y_0 + 2\Delta y = 2 + 2 \cdot 1 = 4).$$

4. Label the subrectangles.





Example: Let  $f(x, y) = 100 - x^2 - y^2$  be defined on the rectangular domain  $R = [a, b] \times [c, d]$ . Partition the interval  $[a, b]$  into four uniformly sized subintervals and the interval  $[c, d]$  into three evenly sized subintervals.

1. Let  $a = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < x_3 < x_4 = b$ . What is the length  $\Delta x$  of each subinterval  $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$ ? Your answer should be in terms of  $a$  and  $b$ .

$$\Delta x = \frac{x_4 - x_0}{4} = \frac{b - a}{4}.$$

2. Let  $c = y_0 < y_1 < y_2 < y_3 = d$ . What is the length  $\Delta y$  of each subinterval  $[y_{j-1}, y_j]$ ? Your answer should be in terms of  $c$  and  $d$ .

$$\Delta y = \frac{y_3 - y_0}{3} = \frac{d - c}{3}.$$

3. The partitions of the intervals  $[a, b]$  and  $[c, d]$  partition the rectangle  $R$  into subrectangles. How many subrectangles are there?

$$4 \cdot 3 = 12 \text{ subrectangles.}$$

4. Let  $R_{ij}$  denote the subrectangle  $[x_{i-1}, x_i] \times [y_{j-1}, y_j]$ . What is area  $\Delta A$  of each subrectangle?

$$\Delta A = \Delta x \Delta y = \frac{b - a}{4} \cdot \frac{d - c}{3} = \frac{(b - a)(d - c)}{12}.$$

5. Now let  $[a, b] = [0, 8]$  and  $[c, d] = [2, 6]$ . Let  $(x_{11}^*, y_{11}^*)$  be the point in the upper right corner of the subrectangle  $R_{11}$ . Calculate the product  $f(x_{11}^*, y_{11}^*) \Delta A$ . Explain, geometrically, what this product represents.

We have  $\Delta x = \frac{8-0}{4} = 2$  and  $\Delta y = \frac{6-2}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= x_0 + 1 \cdot \Delta x = 0 + 1 \cdot 2 = 2 \\ y_1 &= y_0 + 1 \cdot \Delta y = 2 + 1 \cdot \frac{4}{3} = \frac{10}{3} \end{aligned}$$

The subrectangle  $R_{11}$  is

$$[x_0, x_1] \times [y_0, y_1] = [0, 2] \times [2, \frac{10}{3}],$$

and

$$f(x_{11}^*, y_{11}^*) = f(2, \frac{10}{3}) = 100 - 2^2 - (\frac{10}{3})^2 \approx 84.9.$$

The area of each subrectangle is  $\Delta x \Delta y = 2 \cdot \frac{4}{3} = \frac{8}{3}$ .

The product

$$f(x_{11}^*, y_{11}^*) \Delta A \approx 84.9 \cdot \frac{8}{3} \approx 226.4.$$

Geometrically, this is the volume of a rectangular box with the base as the subrectangle  $R_{11}$  and the height  $f(x_{11}^*, y_{11}^*)$ .

6. If we were to add all the values  $f(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) \Delta A$  for each  $i$  and  $j$ , what does the resulting number approximate about the surface defined by  $f$  on the domain  $R$ ? (You don't actually need to add these values.)

If we were to add all such values, we get the following sum

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m f(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) \Delta A.$$

This sum approximates the volume of the solid under the surface defined by  $f$  on the domain  $R$ .